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Title: Need to start work on proposed Tellicherry-Mahe Bypass on NH − 17.

SHRIMATI P. SATHEEDEVI (BADAGARA): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the august House to the need for materialization of the proposed Tellichery-Mahe by-pass at NH-17. The proposed Tellichery-Mahe is one of the most vital stretches in NH-17. The traffic along the existing road between Kannur and Mahe is very congested. Tellichery is one of the trade centres in the Malabar area and requires access from various parts of the State as well as Karnataka and Pondicherry. The traffic along the road between kilometres 177/00 Tellichery to kilometres 184/600 Mahe is too congested. The reach from kilometres 177/00 to kilometres 179/00 Saitarpalli is perhaps the only reach along the National Highway which cannot accommodate a two-lane traffic. The traffic allowed through this reach is one-way. It takes more than half an hour to negotiate a distance of two kilometers in peak hours.

Though the proposal for the by-pass has been active for several years, it is not yet sanctioned. The land acquisition for 12 kilometres is over. Hence the reach should be attended in full or in part immediately. Two bridges are required to be constructed for the completion of the by-pass. Therefore, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways should take immediate steps for the completion of this by-pass.